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A Haliburton Forest pupdate

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

It's a boy! And a girl!

The Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre announced last week that one of the wolves, Quest, had successfully delivered two puppies at the educational facility. "While there was no visible way to see if Quest was in fact pregnant, we felt fairly confident and had high hopes for little ones," said Marena Wigmore, the manager for the Wolf Centre.

Identified as an Ontario Signature Educational Experience, the Wolf Centre dedicates itself to educating the public about wolf behaviour and ecology. With a small pack that resides at the facility, the staff are hands-off with the resident wolves, ensuring they maintain their natural tendencies around the seven acre enclosure they call home.

The last litter born onsite was in 2022, so with a new breeding pair establishing themselves within the hierarchy of the wolf pack, staff were hopeful for a litter this spring. "On May 3, Quest appeared only briefly in the observation area and was very clearly covered in dirt," said Wigmore. "This indicated that she had been in the den and being back out meant she was likely already done birthing. When we went to check the den, it was very refreshing to find that we were correct."

This is one of the few times that the staff interacts with the pack. In the interest of sustaining and supporting the pack for the centre, staff observe the early stages of development for the pups, to ensure they are healthy and safe. "We will assess the health, sex, quantity and colour of pups born for record-keeping and to determine if any puppies will be sent to other education facilities," said Wigmore. "Like most domestic dog puppies, we will also deworm the little ones to prevent parasites which can be fatal at such a young age." Unless there is a major issue requiring veterinary support, this is the first and last time that staff will connect



Marena Wigmore, the manager of the Wolf Centre, gently supports the newest pup at the facility. /photo submitted

with the animals.

While many are hopeful for the growing pack, Wigmore reminds visitors that it's important to stay cautiously optimistic. "The mortality rate for wolves is 50 per cent up to the first year to year and a half," she said. "However, with a smaller litter (average is three to five), odds tend to be better." She noted that with these smaller litter sizes, the mama wolf is able to produce enough milk resources to share, which can decrease the risk of starvation in infancy.

While many visitors' ears perk up at the sound of 'puppies', Wigmore shared that the pups likely won't be seen for the first few weeks. Typically, staff begin to observe pups in the observation area around six to eight weeks, with their visibility becoming more frequent and increase in duration. Wigmore encouraged visitors to check out the Wolf Centre social media pages for more updates, or call the centre in advance for information on pup visibility.

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We anticipate most users will cycle along the Rail Trail. Usage of the bikes is limited to Dysart et al. Users

may check out a bike for up to three hours at a time.

The bikes are available during daylight hours (currently 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. but the hours of operations will be amended as the days shorten). The Bike Share will be operational until the end of the Thanksgiving weekend when they will be stored indoors for the winter.

Haliburton Rotary would like to thank our exclusive sponsor, Algonquin Outfitters.

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What's a meta for?

It's a prefix for modifying another word, of course. In Greek it means 'beyond' or 'after', giving root words more specific meanings (metaphysics = 'beyond the ways of nature', metamorphosis = 'beyond form', metabolism = 'after change').

The concept of metaphors ('beyond meaning') soon becomes familiar to young children who come to expect that their books and movies can contain characters, music, words, colours and numbers which carry important extra messages. Fairytales. Nursery rhymes. Board games. A metaphor can be obvious or subtle. Even subjective. I learned quite excitedly in school that 'a dark and stormy night' was a deliberate cinema or literary technique. I listened closely since I loved English class with all its passionate references. So when one teacher explained that weather can reflect character or atmosphere, I never forgot its special metaphoric moniker - pathetic fallacy - and how it applies to art.

Other school-day facts have also imprinted. Painting in many blues defined a particularly depressive period in Picasso's painting career. Shakespeare suggested that 'all the world's a stage' (*As You Like It*) since we seem to be performing amongst other performers. Poet Robert Frost wrote *The Road Not Taken* to represent life's constant choices.

Extending this theme, 'a heart of stone' is hard and cruel, so rocker Neil Young kept on 'searching for a heart of gold'. Vocalist Debbie Harry blamed her 'heart of glass' for agonies around romance. Life itself probably boasts the most metaphors. Film hero Forrest Gump compared life to 'a box of chocolates'. Singer Tom Cochrane claimed



DEB REED
Wind in the Attic

that life was 'a highway' he wanted to ride 'all night long'. British comedy troupe Monty Python attempted to explain *The Meaning of Life* in their layered 1983 musical. Led Zeppelin's *Stairway to Heaven* describes life's call for higher meaning in a shallow world.

Music. Cinema fans recognize the emotional purpose of movie soundtracks, of specific instruments, volume, stretches of silence. Those menacing opening bars of *Jaws* ... songs and time actually repeat themselves meaningfully in *Groundhog Day*.

Time's big in the black and white 1951 film version of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. I'm still compelled to watch and quote it every late December. Each ghost is a timely classic metaphor. Each plot twist is synchronized to shatter and transform us for the better. Why? Because art's strongest message has always been hopeful, reminding us to 'stay gold' (*The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton).

META as a standalone term has a transformative modern identity in the 21st century. It's an ever-widening American mega-corporation (formerly 'Facebook') which owns and operates many of the world's major social media platforms profoundly metamorphosing this planet.

When used informally in the common rhetoric of the new millennium, 'meta' means a way to look at oneself, not from within any more, but 'from beyond', as a member of something, perhaps a category, from an outside perspective, and supremely self-aware. Although I didn't watch it, TV series *Arrested Development* apparently exemplifies 'meta' screenwriting.

What's a 'meta' for? It's definitely what's happening, dude.

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JANET TRULL

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rocky shores, no matter where we travel. Get writing and send your pitch of 1,500 words or less to haliburtonstorycircle@gmail.com. If accepted, you will be invited to record your story with Studio Engineer, Ron Murphy at 100.9 Canoe FM, our volunteer community radio station.

Listeners can tune into Story Circle on Monday mornings during the hour following 11 a.m. Or check out www.canoefm.com. Click on "Interviews and Recorded Programs". Scroll down and look for Story Circle where you can hear a wide variety of local voices to inspire you. Story Circle is supported by the Arts Council – Haliburton Highlands, and the team looks forward to reading your submissions.

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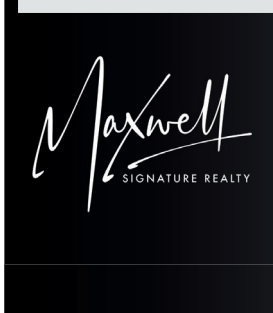
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Delancey's Arcade; a space for youth to play

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County Life Staff

Josh Karam's inspiration for an arcade first struck him in the summer of 2021 after taking his wife Erika Mozes' nephews to an arcade bar on Danforth Avenue in Toronto.

"The kiddos, they loved it," said Karam.

The experience stuck with them. With memories of going to the arcade as kids and shovelling quarters into the Pac-Man arcade cabinet and taking dates to the arcade, Karam felt that an arcade was a perfect fit for Delancey Sports, which was named after the location of their New York City apartment, located at Delancey Street and Suffolk Street.

"I was the hog playing Pac-Man trying to get the high score," laughed Karam.

While Karam and Mozes considered renting an additional space in Haliburton, they ultimately decided to rearrange the back of their store to allow for game cabinets and video game consoles.

To stay on theme, all of the games involve sports in some way.

Delancey's Arcade's game cabinets include NBA Jam, NFL Blitz, Street Fighter, and Mrs. Pac-Man. They also have a Nintendo Switch, PS5, and Xbox available, all with sports games. Some of the featured sports include golfing, tennis, volleyball, football, soccer, and hockey. There is also a selection of candy bars for sale to keep gamers gaming.



Delancey's Arcade is located within Delancey Sports at 162 Highland Street in Haliburton. /submitted

"Mrs. Pac-Man kind of counts, she is running after the ghosts," said Mozes with a laugh.

Karam and Mozes' goal was to create a safe and family friendly environment

in Haliburton. With a lack of spaces oriented for kids in the county, the couple figured that there would be demand for a space where families can come together, have fun, and even book it for events like birthday parties.

"It is an important space in the community that has little for kids to do," said Karam.

For only five dollars per arcade guest, Karam and Mozes hope to make Delancey's Arcade an affordable, must-do destination for youth and entire intergenerational families.

Karam says that he has created the space that his younger self would love. Growing up his family could not afford the newest gaming consoles.

All games are set on free play. You can play any game you want, for as long as you want.

Not just for kids, parents and even grandparents flock to the space looking for something to do together with their young ones. Everyone ends up having a great time, says Karam.

With the increased foot traffic to Haliburton's downtown core, they hope the arcade space will encourage more shopping to other local businesses and get youth interested in taking up sports. Unlike many businesses in the county, they hope that Delancey's Arcade can service the community year-round.

"We are the cheapest babysitter in town," said Karam with a laugh.

Even with his passion for sports and gaming, Karam assures that their basement is not filled with arcade machines. All gaming cabinets remain at their two main locations in Haliburton and at their recently opened store in Bracebridge, says Mozes.

With Delancey's Arcade opening last month, Karam and Mozes will need to see how successful their operation is before adding additional games, a pool table, expanding their space, or extending their hours. At their 162 Highland

street location, they hope that their central location and proximity to the high school encourages high school students to come in and play for as long as they want.

The couple say that they would be interested in bringing in a sports-themed pinball machine if someone in the area is capable of assisting with its maintenance.

Karam says that the response to the arcade space has been extremely positive since its opening last month. Many customers that come in take photos and videos of the space and post them on social media.

Mozes' nephews say that Delancey's Arcade is one of the best arcade spaces that they have ever seen.

Karam also reports that the most popular game has been NBA Jam and the least popular has been NFL Blitz, likely due to its level of difficulty.

"I like to tell people that I am living my dream," said Karam. "I opened a sports themed arcade in the back of my own sporting goods store."

Delancey Sports and Delancey's Arcade is open from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. They are currently located at 162 Highland street in Haliburton and have everything you need for your latest sporting adventure or gaming session.

Delancey's Arcade can be booked for special events in three hour timeslots. They welcome people to bring in their own food, such as pizza for pizza parties but cannot accommodate food that needs to be kept cold, such as ice cream cakes.

If you are interested in booking the arcade space for your next birthday party, work function, or social mixer, please visit delanceysports.com/collections/the-sportscade or email info@delanceysports.com.

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Writing on the Senior Side

From teens to seniors - our summer jobs

GAIL STELTER

County Life Contributor

Bring on summer and summer jobs for teens. Some are home from university, and the job is a necessity for the next school year. Some are high school kids, and for the fifteen-year-olds, it may be their first summer job. They want and need to make money. Parents are happy with that, too. Our two youngest had funny tales to share about their summer working at the Emu Food Truck. I never did eat an emu burger, and my oldest son spent a summer working for his dad on job number 250. He was putting in a rock pathway at the cottage. It ended up with three rocks and paid very well.

What was your first summer job? What was my first summer job?

The Carlton Cards factory was huge with enormously high ceilings. I thought I might be working in an office. I was tucked away in the back of the factory.

"You stand here. If you need to sit on the stool occasionally, that's okay. Here are the Christmas card boxes. Count out 24 envelopes and put them in a box. Count quickly and accurately."

All day long, every day, all day long. This is not fun. The people I work with are not students. They are women who work full-time. They talk about grocery shopping and television shows. They talk about their children and their husbands or boyfriends. They gossip about each other and tell what my mother would call their business. The "business" we don't share with the neighbours. Things I had never heard before: a date that went wrong, a husband who cheats and even details of their sexual encounters. I try not to listen. But I do listen. One of them is pregnant. She is not much older than I. She is frail and sickly looking. There are bags under her eyes, and her face is almost grey. It is hard to tell she is pregnant as she is thin and wears a baggy dress. I wonder if she should be standing on her feet all day, packing boxes of Christmas cards. I wonder this, not because she is pregnant. I don't know anything about being pregnant. I wonder this because I think she is sick, and she tells me her back hurts.

I get a promotion. No, it is not more money. I get



to sit down. I am moved to the conveyor belt line. Christmas card boxes, which are divided into four sections, one for each of four different cards, come to me. I count six envelopes for each section. It is a little unnerving at first, keeping up with the line, but after a while, I am so comfortable doing this that it's a thoughtless, endless task. I spend my time on the line chatting with other women.

Dad tells me he can get me a job at the EX for the last three weeks of the summer. I say yes. I think. Hurray! Now, that will be fun.

Dad gives me a slip of paper to hand to the Canada Manpower people who will be setting up and arranging the student jobs at the EX. He drives me to the EX, and there is a huge line ... hundreds and hundreds of students waiting for jobs. Dad tells me not to wait in line but to go right up to the front and hand my slip of paper to the person there. I do this and feel awkward walking past everyone in the line. I got a job. I will be working at Christine's Bun Bar selling hamburgers. I am so excited.

This job is fun. I like meeting people, happy people and tourists on their day at the EX, nice people who run Christine's Bun Bar and all the students my age. I have my first-ever fried onions on a burger and I love it. Most people order a burger, fries, and a Coke, and the total for these three is 80 cents. A coffee costs 10 cents. I am a happy server at the front counter.

Working at the EX also means making new teen friends. We have picnic lunches by the lake, go to midway games and on rides. After our shift is

over, we go to the free teen dances that take place every night. The pay for the whole time was \$85. I bought a new dress in a dress shop on Yonge Street. This is my first clothing item that didn't come from Simpson's.

Summer Jobs for Seniors

Some seniors continue work for real money, but many of us do not and have come to realize that our senior lives change in the summer as we add more jobs. You may not have thought of these as jobs because, instead of money, they pay you dividends of satisfaction and happy times. Perhaps, this is the pay you want and need.

What is your senior summer job? Peter has had the same senior side summer job for many years. The grandsons are holding back their smirks as Grampa describes his latest endeavour: the natural swing. Yes, Peter's summer job is to find his golf swing, which he has lost many times, except the time he got a hole-in-one. Oh, he has all those other jobs that make him happy too: the boat, the spa, building decks, planting trees and flowers and making the outside patio sparkle, but finding the golf swing never seems to end.

Here are a few of my summer jobs:

Making more meals for family visits - love the summer coming and going, but planning and making meals, not so much.

Editing the stories for my book - This is my 2025 never-ending job.

Participating/volunteering in local events - I am taking a turn at the Arts Council booth at the Haliburton Farmers' Market to promote the Council and talk with visitors about writing stories. I also hope to read stories to the children at Stories in the Park Fun Fair. It has been difficult to leave this group, but the kids will bring me back to a happy time and place.

Joining a new group - The Haliburton Writers Group. I'm looking forward to networking and sharing with other writers in my community.

Swimming is also a summer job. How quickly can I get my body back up to 30-minute swims in the lake? It will be a struggle that will work its way to satisfaction and happy times.

Now, it's your turn. You have many wonderful summer jobs ahead of you. Enjoy.



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Generations

THE OTHER day, one of my kids said that people in her class were talking about Millennials, Baby Boomers, and Gen X. She laughed off the terms, having never really understood them or heard of them before, but then she asked us what they meant.

And I had to think about it a bit. In an era where we are trying to blur the lines so arbitrarily pigeonholing people, how do you define the generational titles?



EMILY STONEHOUSE
 County Life Editor

On paper, there are clear-cut lines to the generations. The Post War generation was born between 1928 - 1945. Boomers I landed between 1946 - 1954. Boomers II (also known as Generation Jones) came about between 1955 - 1964. Gen X is seen to be 1965 - 1980. Millennials (originally called Gen Y) are 1981 - 1994, and

Gen Z are 1994 - 2009, and Generation Alpha from 2010 to 2024. Generation Beta will be born in 2025, with the generational brackets generally spanning around 15 years.

These dates seemed to waver ever so slightly as I visited different websites. The whole concept is an

effort to add some structure and rigidity to a very abstract idea. And if anything, as is seen with the official change from Gen Y to Millennials, the names can change based on the significant events that shaped the individuals existing in each era.

At the time of Millennials changing their official name, it was noted that this generation was the first to have lived equal parts of their lives both before the dawn of the Internet and after; an absolutely crucial and pivotal piece for the development of their psyches.

When the kids asked about what defines generations, it's hard to pinpoint. For some, it was major events that shaped their world. And not individual events: shared events that are felt as a population, and the age and context individuals were in when that event occurred.

For Boomers, some of those events included the Vietnam War and the Civil Rights movement. For Gen X, there was huge momentum around the AIDS epidemic and the fall of the Berlin Wall. Millennials are largely shaped from the 9/11 disaster, and access to the Internet from a young age, and Gen Z are faced with a recession and access to technology from infancy.

Experts are saying that Generation Alpha will be formed around the COVID-19 pandemic, highly

advanced technological breakthroughs, and a sense of globalization where distance can be mitigated with the click of a button.

And this may change as well. As we watch this young generation find their footing in the world, their names may change as we see how they flow through life. There may be significant shared events that we in other generations (but the ones responsible for naming them) don't take into consideration. Perhaps the rage and rapport that has stemmed from chauvinistic political buffoonery will slither its way to the forefront, melding a group of young personalities as they internalize their surroundings.

Only time will tell.

I am fascinated by our ability to add structure to the complexities of our colourful world, and while some generational brackets resemble that of horoscopes - the dots not quite connecting into the shape of the person described by the overarching generalization of a population - others feel it offers a sense of security and stability in an existence often marred by moving pieces.

We all have much to learn from each generation; the experiences they went through, the significant events they lived. The success for our future generations lies in our ability to connect, to teach, to learn, and to share our own stories.

Top 10 things a bird says when it sees a full bird feeder

MOST HUMANS don't give bird feeders a second thought. Birds, however, take them a lot more seriously. In fact, I have often wondered what a bird says to other birds when it first sees a full bird feeder. So, I did a little research and here are the top 10 things.



STEVE GALEA
 Humour Columnist

1. "There is a god!"
2. "I wonder what its Michelin rating is?"
3. "Who says there is no free lunch?"
4. "Look, a small bear feeder." And, after this, we can poop on their car..."
5. "I'll wait till all those squirrels leave."
6. "Hey, just because a baseball team is named after you, doesn't mean you own the place!"
7. "OK, so where are the cats?"
8. "See, I told you this thing refills itself."
9. "There's that creepy human with the binoculars again."
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Mallard floating without its mate, through a swath of marsh,
 its feathers blending in with the murkiness of water and the relics of trees, poking from the marsh,
 as it drifts between crumpled clusters of straw-coloured reeds, through narrow pathways of water,
 my eyes following the mallard's meandering, from here on the trail, sunlight stroking its earth-coloured wings,
 as it clambers onto a flattened thatch of reeds, tucking its feet beneath its feathers,
 to rest beneath the blaze of midday Sun, hiding in plain sight,
 no sheen of emerald green adorning its feathers, like its mate,
 the duck, sunning itself, solo, on the island of crumpled reeds,
 silent as the light that warms the feathered ball of its body, and I wonder where its mate drifted off to,
 or the rest of its raft, how rare to spot a duck on its own, without being accompanied by others,
 on water or on land,
 wondering whether it misses its mate, or strayed on purpose, what pathway it took to end up
 here at the marsh,
 sprawling along the edge of the trail, amongst the crumpled forest of reeds, and the sticks of slanting trees,
 a red-winged blackbird landing on one of its withered branches, then another, on a neighbouring dead tree,
 enlivening the marsh with their chirping, and I wonder whether the lone mallard listens too,
 as it basks in the Sun,
 still as the flattened reeds on which it rests, its feathers, the colour of nests,
 camouflaging it so it can sunbathe without being seen, how serene, the mallard looks, taking a pause,
 in its private place,
 away from its mate and flock, I stare and stare at the duck, transfixed by the stillness of its solitude,
 stealing glances at the red-winged blackbirds, painting Air with their spring song,
 congregating every afternoon at the marsh, enjoying each other's company and the chorus of their chirps,
 wondering whether they hear the beauty of their own voice as they sing, or only when they merge as a whole,
 I close my eyes for a few moments to listen, missing their song, all winter long,
 blinking them back open to peer down at the duck sunning itself on the island of flattened reeds, but it's gone,
 my eyes searching the pathways of water between the reeds, even beyond where I can see,
 wondering whether the mallard is drifting back the way it came, back towards its mate and flock,
 or is it just floating, solo, silent as the light that strokes the feathers of its wings,
 listening to the afternoon gathering of red-winged blackbirds sing.

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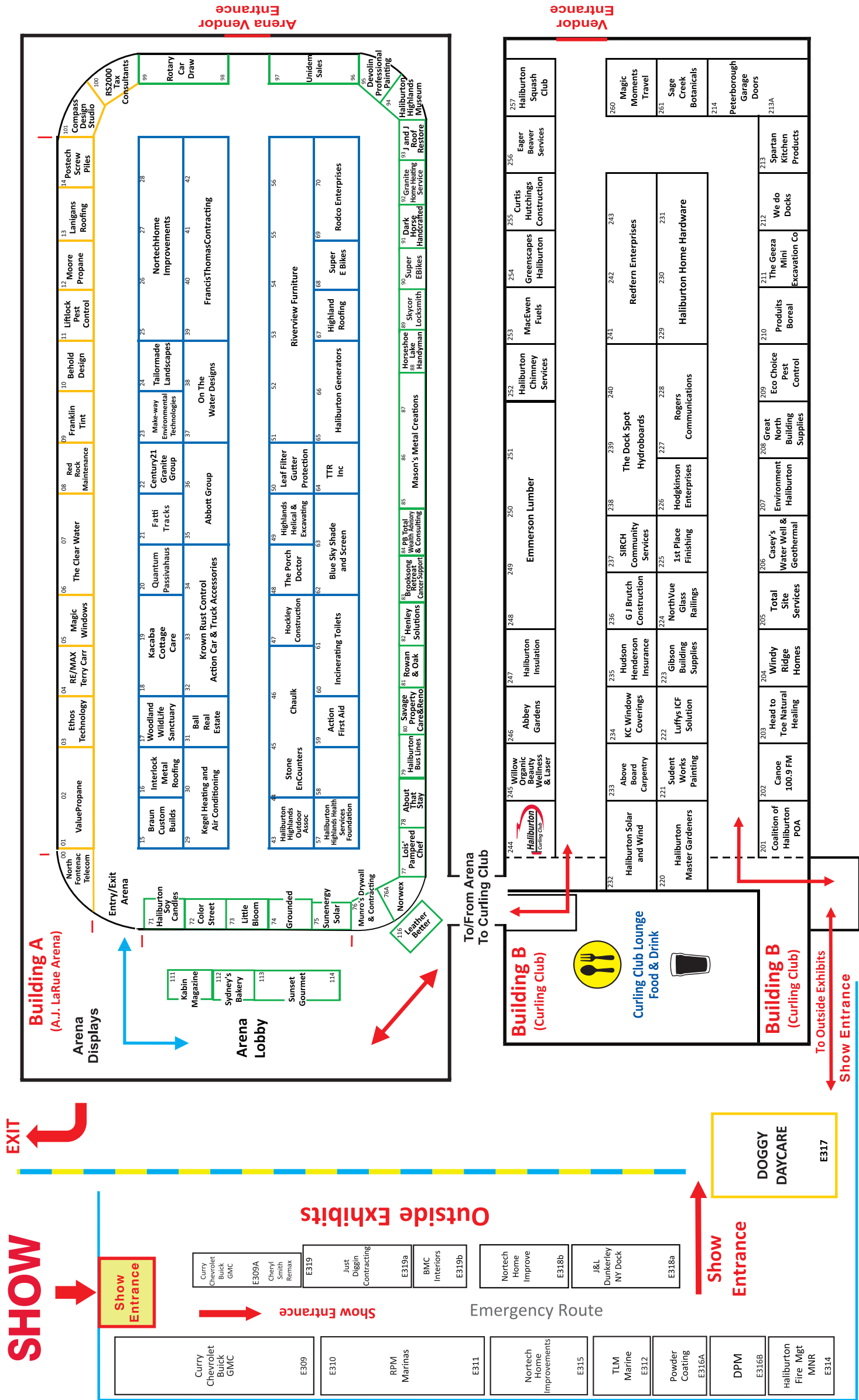
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New exhibit by Gord Peteran on display at MHCC

THOMAS SMITH

County Life Staff

Mountain Lake at a Glance (The Hidden Nature of Paint) is a brand new exhibit on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Gord Peteran, a seasonal resident, has painted 400 oil sketches of the same northwesterly facing view from his family's cottage on Mountain Lake. A private affair that is available to the public for the first time, each of the paintings include a note from Peteran. The notes describe events such as babies being born, getting an ice cream cone, intense feelings of loneliness, or visitations by dead ancestors.

"They perform much like a curious private diary of sorts," said Peteran.

Peteran has been a professor at the Ontario College of Art and Design for the past 25 years

"This repeated depiction of Mountain Lake will be presented chronologically, with the panels perched on a simple continuous wall shelf that meanders throughout the many spaces of the Cultural Centre," said Peteran. "The first one painted in 1985 will begin the show at the entranceway." The latest scene of Mountain Lake, completed shortly before the opening on May 15, completes the show.

"They are tiny so it's important to me that they also be viewed at the height



Gord Peteran poses while painting a scene from Mountain Lake. /submitted

and slight angle that they were created, maintaining the intimate proximity of their creation," said Peteran.

Peteran says that the depictions of Mountain Lake were never intended to be seen by the public. After painting the view of Mountain Lake, the paintings were put in an old trunk and forgotten about. Both the painting easel and the trunk are on display.

"I had not quite noticed the obsessive

nature of such an extended undertaking until recently while showing them to a good friend, psychoanalyst Dr. David Dorenbaum," said Peteran.

Dr. David Dorenbaum, an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto has published works on both art and psychoanalysis. The pair have frequently collaborated, with Peteran even crafting a bookshelf for Dorenbaum's Spadina Circle office,

made from steel, copper, and walnut.

"Recording in oil paint what I see and hear, and think about was just something I did while at the cottage. Almost like a habit," said Peteran. "I had not considered them precious, or part of my art practice, however looking back over the many, many, many painted panels with David, through fresh eyes, we realized collectively they had become something else. A kind of case study about commitment to place that might be worth sharing with others who also commit to a lake."

No painting has been excluded for the exhibit.

"I am not showing only the 'best' ones, I'm showing all of them," said Peteran. "Good or bad."

Peteran acknowledges that there are many great painters that capture the varied beauty of the Haliburton Highlands, but says that his paintings of the same view of Mountain Lake depict an uniquely intense and extended focus.

"It's an experiment," said Peteran. "Perhaps the whole show is a sculpture in paint?"

Mountain Lake at a Glance (The Hidden Nature of Paint) will be displayed at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery from May 15 to July 12. Located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery is a part of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Wednesday: Mixed darts 7:30 p.m. Canteen opens at 6 p.m.
Thursday: General meeting (3rd week) Members only 7:30 p.m.
Friday: Chair yoga 10 a.m. Bingo, doors open at 5 p.m. play at 6:45 p.m.
Saturday: Meat draw 5 p.m. Canteen opens at 3 p.m.
Sunday: Ladies Auxiliary meeting (members only) 3rd week at 2 p.m.
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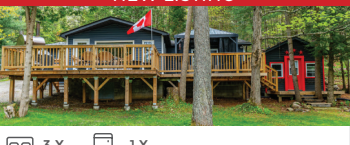
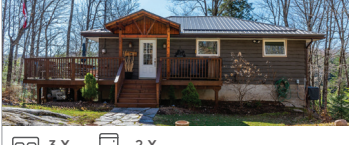
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